

What is claimed is:

1. A method for providing a progressive service to gaming machines in a gaming
5 network, the method comprising:
publishing the availability of a progressive service on the gaming network;
receiving a request to register with the progressive service from a gaming machine ;
and
processing one or more service requests between the gaming machine and the
10 progressive service, said service requests conforming to a internetworking protocol.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein the progressive service comprises a web service.
3. The method of claim 2, wherein the service request is formatted according to a service
15 description language.
4. The method of claim 3, wherein the service description language is a Web Services
Description Language (WSDL)
- 20 5. The method of claim 1, wherein the service request comprises a request for
notification of a progressive configuration update by the gaming machine.
6. The method of claim 5, further comprising:
receiving a progressive configuration change; and
25 issuing a notification of the progressive configuration update to the gaming machine in
response to the progressive configuration change.
7. The method of claim 1, wherein the service request comprises a request by the gaming
machine to stop notification of an update to the progressive configuration.

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8. The method of claim 1, wherein the service request comprises a request to download a progressive configuration to the gaming machine.

9. The method of claim 8, wherein the service request is initiated by the gaming machine.

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10. The method of claim 8, wherein the service request is initiated by the progressive service.

11. The method of claim 1, wherein the service request comprises a notification of an update to a progressive amount.

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12. The method of claim 1, wherein the service request comprises an updated progressive amount.

13. A method for participating in a progressive game on a gaming machine via a progressive service in a gaming network, the method comprising:

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issuing a request to discover a service description for the progressive service;
receiving the service description;
registering with the progressive service; and

processing one or more service requests between the gaming machine and the progressive service.

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14. The method of claim 13, wherein the progressive service comprises a web service.

15. The method of claim 14, wherein the service description comprises a web services description language.

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16. The method of claim 13, wherein the service request comprises a request for notification of a progressive configuration update.

17. The method of claim 13, wherein the service request comprises a notification for a play event on the gaming machine.

5 18. The method of claim 13, wherein the service request comprises a notification of a jackpot won event.

19. The method of claim 13, wherein the service request comprises a request for notification of progressive amount updates.

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20. A gaming network system providing a progressive service, the gaming network system comprising:

a progressive service communicably coupled to a gaming network;

a discovery agent communicably coupled to the gaming network; and

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at least one gaming machine communicably coupled to the gaming network;

wherein the progressive service is operable to:

publish the availability of the progressive service to the discovery agent;

receive registration requests from the at least one gaming machine; and

process service requests between the gaming machine and the progressive

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service.

21. The gaming network system of claim 20, wherein the progressive service comprises a web service.

25 22. The gaming network system of claim 20, wherein the service request comprises a request by the gaming machine for a progressive configuration update.

23. The gaming network system of claim 20, wherein the progressive service is further operable to:

receive a progressive configuration change; and
issue a notification of the progressive configuration update to the gaming machine in
response to the progressive configuration change.

5 24. The gaming network system of claim 20, wherein the service request comprises a
request to download a progressive configuration to the gaming machine.

25. The gaming network system of claim 20, wherein the service request comprises a
notification for a play event on the gaming machine.

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26. The gaming network system of claim 20, wherein the service request comprises a
notification of a jackpot won event.

15 27. The gaming network system of claim 20, wherein the service request comprises a
request for notification of progressive amount updates.

28. A computer-readable medium having computer executable instructions for performing
a method for providing a progressive service to gaming machines in a gaming network, the
method comprising:

20 publishing the availability of a progressive service on the gaming network;
 receiving a request to register with the progressive service from a gaming machine ;
and

 processing one or more service requests between the gaming machine and the
progressive service.

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29. The computer-readable medium of claim 28, wherein the progressive service
comprises a web service.

30. The computer-readable medium of claim 29, wherein the service request is formatted according to a service description language.

31. The computer-readable medium of claim 30, wherein the service description language
5 is a Web Services Description Language (WSDL)

32. The computer-readable medium of claim 28, wherein the service request comprises a request for notification of a progressive configuration update by the gaming machine.

10 33. The computer-readable medium of claim 32, wherein the method further comprises:
receiving a progressive configuration change; and
issuing a notification of the progressive configuration update to the gaming machine in
response to the progressive configuration change.

15 34. The computer-readable medium of claim 28, wherein the service request comprises a request by the gaming machine to stop notification of an update to the progressive configuration.

35. The computer-readable medium of claim 28, wherein the service request comprises a
20 request to download a progressive configuration to the gaming machine.

36. The computer-readable medium of claim 35, wherein the service request is initiated by the gaming machine.

25 37. The computer-readable medium of claim 35, wherein the service request is initiated by the progressive service.

38. The computer-readable medium of claim 28, wherein the service request comprises a notification of an update to a progressive amount.

39. The computer-readable medium of claim 28, wherein the service request comprises an updated progressive amount.

5 40. A computer-readable medium having computer executable instructions for performing a method for participating in a progressive game on a gaming machine via a progressive service in a gaming network, the method comprising:

issuing a request to discover a service description for the progressive service;

receiving the service description;

10 registering with the progressive service; and

processing one or more service requests between the gaming machine and the progressive service.

15 41. The computer-readable medium of claim 40, wherein the progressive service comprises a web service.

42. The computer-readable medium of claim 40, wherein the service description comprises a web services description language.

20 43. The computer-readable medium of claim 40, wherein the service request comprises a request for notification of a progressive configuration update.

44. The computer-readable medium of claim 40, wherein the service request comprises a notification for a play event on the gaming machine.

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45. The computer-readable medium of claim 40, wherein the service request comprises a notification of a jackpot won event.

46. The computer-readable medium of claim 40, wherein the service request comprises a request for notification of progressive amount updates.